

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Page 9, lines 12-22, please amend the paragraph as follows:

11 --Referring also to Figure 2, to prevent a disk 12 from being damaged, for example by scratching an adjacent disk of the stack, and to facilitate the separation of the disks from each other, a powder 16 is disposed between the adjacent disks. As is inherent with all powders, the powder 16 is constituted by a plurality of fine, loose particles. The powder 16 coats essentially an entire surface of the respective disks 12, so that the surface of one disk is spaced apart from the surface of an adjacent (superposed) disk using only the powder (i.e., no paper is used). The powder 16 serves as a cushion between the disks 12, so that the disks will not damage one another. Moreover, the powder 16 may absorb impacts to the stack 14 caused by improper handling, thus protecting the disks 12 from breakage. Further, the use of the powder 16 will prevent close forces of attraction as polarization and coulombic forces from holding the disks together, thus facilitating the separation of the disks from the stack of disks.--